

House Resolution No. 1073

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State religious organizations that admirably enhance quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritually motivated endeavors; and

Whereas, Hope Community Church of Springfield, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction not only for its diverse work in the city of Springfield, but also in such far-flung locales as the country of Ethiopia in northeastern Africa; and

Whereas, Hope Community Church has partnered with sister church Grace Christian Center in Killeen, Texas, to form the Bright Hope Organization; and

Whereas, through the Bright Hope Organization and other venues of service, Hope Community Church has dedicated an exceptional amount of time, energy, and resources to provide assistance to orphans, foster children, and families in Ethiopia; and

Whereas, Hope Community Church has involved itself in such educational endeavors as supporting the work of a trade school, general education schools, an accredited four-year Bible college, a Master's degree program, and eleven mobile Bible colleges that train rural pastors; and

Whereas, Hope Community Church is active in a network of six hundred churches in Ethiopia and has tended to the physical, emotional, medical, and spiritual needs of persons on the outskirts of society through work with an AIDS hospice; and

Whereas, the good deeds, dedication, and loyalty of Hope Community Church has not gone unnoticed by those in positions of tremendous responsibility in Ethiopia, including President Girma Wolde Giorgis who will pay a visit to Springfield in March 2007 in order to convey his sincerest appreciation and thanks to all of those at Hope Community Church who have labored so diligently to improve the lives of others:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Hope Community Church, its pastor Gary Hay, and its congregation and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their philanthropic, educational, and spiritual endeavors in Springfield and throughout the world; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Hope Community Church of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1073, adopted March 8, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker